



# TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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### TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

**978.929.6600**

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Closed: Jan. 1, Jan. 15**

### TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday- Closed

**Closed: Jan. 1, Jan. 15**

### ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thurs: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Closed: Jan. 1, Jan. 15**

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### TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Town Manager's Recommended FY25 Budget and Capital Plan was presented at a joint Select Board and Finance Committee meeting on December 18th. The next milestone in this process is presentations from Departments on their respective budgets to the Select Board and Finance Committee on January 10th and 11th. To view this presentation, budget and capital plan online, please visit: <https://actonma.gov/manager>

The proposed FY25 budgets are being impacted by financial challenges driven primarily by significant increases in fixed costs such as health care. To fund level services budgets for municipal operations and regional school district assessments, the Select Board is considering putting forward a ballot question for an operational override. The topic will be discussed at all upcoming Select Board, Finance Committee, and Acton Leadership Group meetings. As the Town navigates this process, we will be providing more information and resources on the Town website for residents to learn more. Please visit - <https://actonma.gov/manager> for updates. To learn more about proposition 2 ½ please visit the Town Assessors site at <https://www.acton-ma.gov/134/Assessor>.

Did You Know?- the Federal Government is distributing 4 COVID tests (2 packages) for free once again. To learn more and to sign up for a shipment, visit - <https://www.covid.gov/tools-and-resources/resources/tests>.

Acton Residents! We are looking for your feedback and ideas for a West Acton Village Streetscape Improvement Study. Improvement to this historic village will include pedestrian connectivity and safety; multi-modal connections; gateway enhancements; active transportation connections; economic vitality improvements; and more. To view the latest plan and provide feedback, please visit - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b561a1b8fd5c45e293996b2dd896ef50>

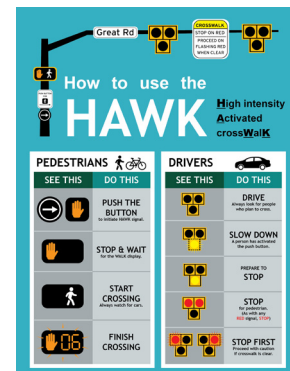
I had an opportunity to attend the dedication and lighting ceremony of a menorah on the lawn at 468 Main Street (Red House). This effort was spearheaded by Acton residents Eva Chenail, Lindsay Rosenman, and Lauren Vingiano. Blessings were provided by Rabbi Braham David, of Congregation Beth Elohim, and Rabbi Yosef Y. Polter of Acton-Concord Chabad. The ceremony was well-attended and enjoyed by all. The photo to the right shows the crowd and event.



## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE



Through our partnership with MassDOT, a HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk, flier to right) system has been installed at Great Road and Brook Street (photo to left). This pedestrian safety improvement project was funded solely through MassDOT and helps further Select Board and Town goals of continued safety improvements to Great Road! More information to come.



A special thank-you to the Garden Club for their efforts in beautifying Town Hall, shown in the photo to the right. Members of the Garden Club recently completed installation of the front garden outside of Town Hall along Main Street. The Garden Club donated all materials and plantings for this garden, and worked tirelessly to complete all the plantings before the holidays. Please join me in thanking the Garden Club for their service and continued dedication to beautifying Acton! For more information, please visit: <https://www.actongardenclub.org/>



On Friday, December 8th the Council on Aging hosted a monthly Java with John event. Peter Light, Superintendent for Acton/Boxborough School District, joined me to discuss the raising health insurance costs and FY2025 budget challenges we are facing. There were great questions and comments by attendees. For future Java with John events, please visit the Council on Aging website at - <https://www.actoncoa.com/>

As part of the Acton Public Art Initiative of the Acton Economic Development Office, two benches were constructed for display and usage throughout town. The benches, titled From Trash to Treasure and Unity Bench, were installed at El Huipil (273 Great Road) and Pedal Power Bike & Ski, facing the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (176 Great Road) and are shown in the flyer to the right. Please visit these locations and check out these wonderful works of art! This project was funded through the Massachusetts Office of Business Development in Partnership with the 495MW Partnership.



The Community Services office has been busy this holiday season. A total of \$4,826 in gift cards were distributed to families in need for groceries, gasoline, toys, and clothing for 52 children. Additionally, 25 holiday meals were prepared by Mt. Calvary for the Community Supper. The office also received a number of in-kind donations of toys and games for children (photo to left). Thank you to the many businesses, community organizations, and faith communities who donated and made these contributions possible. A big thank you to Laura Ducharme, Community Services Coordinator, for her tireless efforts and commitment this holiday season!

I hope you had a safe and joyous holiday season and wish you a happy New Year. As always, please reach out to me with your questions and comments at [manager@actonma.gov](mailto:manager@actonma.gov)

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager



MARIANNE FLECKNER is now our Director of Administration and Finance overseeing the Human Resources and Finance Teams. Before her promotion, Marianne was the Director of Human Resources where she oversaw the daily activities of the HR Office. Before joining the town, Marianne worked for the Commonwealth for various State Agencies such as the Department of Public Health, Department of Conservation and Recreation and State Police where she served mostly as the Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Finance. Marianne received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and her MBA certification. She holds her Society of Human Resources Senior Certified Professional certification.



THERESA O'LEARY is now our Treasurer/Collector. Before that, Theresa was hired in 2017 as the Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Collector. Since joining the Town and the Finance Team, Theresa has had the opportunity to be involved in many projects such as NAFS building team, NARA sport pavilion building team, Asa Parlin building team, ARPA Grant Management, Budget and Year End Preparations, Implementing an Epos system for the Transfer Station, Implementing OpenGov and Munis payment interface, Implementing Commuter Reserved Parking, Implementing EV and Fleet Charging and Implementing Collector Lockbox Services. Theresa obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. In her new role as Treasurer/Collector, Theresa hopes to continue to find ways to increase efficiencies in the Collector/Treasurer department while maintaining the highest level of customer service.



MARIBETH ZABEK is now our Human Resources Manager. Maribeth started with the Town of Acton in June of 2019 as the Human Resources and Payroll Administrator. She was promoted to Human Resources Officer in April of 2021 where she became more involved in benefits administration and employee relations. As the Town's new Human Resources Manager, Maribeth will help lead the Human Resources Department and continue to play a key role in all things Human Resources, becoming more involved in Labor Relations. Maribeth obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 2012 and became a Society of Human Resources Certified Professional in 2019.



KAT STRYKER is now our Human Resources Officer within the Human Resources Department. Kat started with the town in August 2021 as the Human Resources Generalist/Talent Acquisition Specialist, assisting with daily Human Resources needs and focusing her main attention on hiring and interviewing. In her first two years, Kat has conducted over 200 interviews and helped bring on over 100 new employees! Kat obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater Arts in 2011 and worked in Entertainment & Training for the Disney Corporation before joining Acton.

### **WINTER PARKING BAN**

**Residents are reminded that a winter parking ban is in effect from November 1 until April 1.** On-street parking is not allowed between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. The parking ban also includes the Municipal Parking areas located behind the West Acton Fire Station (258 Central Street), S. Acton Fire Station (54 School Street), Railroad Street, rail trail terminus at Maple Street, and at the end of Sylvia Street. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



### **WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Please remember that our crews have to travel on snow covered, slippery untreated roads to get here at any hour of the day or night. Please be patient as the crews will be out as soon as possible to begin the snow & ice operations.

### **FIRE HYDRANTS**

Fire hydrants are under the control of the Acton Water District. The Water District asks residents with hydrants in front of or near their property to please clear the snow away from the area so that in an emergency the hydrant will be accessible. Questions regarding snow removal near hydrants should be directed to the Acton Water District at (978) 263-9107.

### **SIDEWALKS**

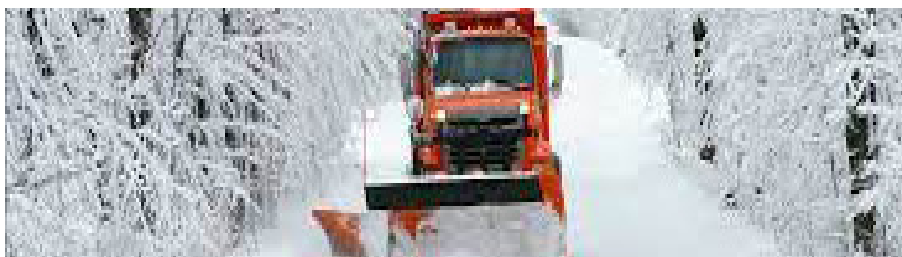
Normally, sidewalks are plowed during the storm and scraped in the following days if needed. Sidewalks in the school zones are given first priority. We ask that you do not block sidewalks with snow shoveled or plowed from your driveway.

### **MAILBOXES AND BASKETBALL POSTS & NETS**

Mailboxes installed in the Town right of way are placed at the owner's risk. Each mailbox installation should be sufficiently solid to withstand snow-clearing efforts by the Town. It is the responsibility of the owner of the mailbox to clear the snow around the mailbox to assure mail delivery by the U.S. Postal Service, not the DPW or its plow contractors. If the snow banks are too high to shovel, place a temporary box beside the road until the snow has melted enough to allow access to the mailbox. Please check that your mailbox and post are secure and in good condition prior to the snow season. When installing a mailbox choose a suitable location. If you are unsure, check with the postal carrier. Please remove your basketball posts & nets away from the edge of the road before the snow & ice events. These can cause damage to Town vehicles and also interferes with snow removal operations. The Town cannot be held responsible for damage caused to them.

### **SUMP PUMPS/FOUNDATION DRAIN PIPES**

The DPW would like to remind homeowners to be mindful of where sump pumps and/or foundation drain pipes are placed. Please **DO NOT** place pipes that collect rainwater or groundwater directly onto the roadways. Water freezes easily during the winter months and creates a hazardous condition.



## TOWN OF ACTON BUSINESS GUIDE

FEATURING OVER 60 BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS AND GROWING!  
HERE'S THE INSIDE SCOOP, TOP-SECRET DEALS, AND MORE

**Click here to access the guide or use the below link**



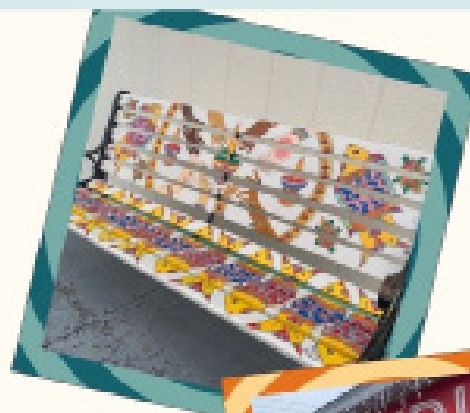
## ACTON'S BUSINESS BOOST

### NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive the Acton MA Business Boost: An Economic Development Newsletter. Each issue will spotlight new happenings with local businesses and organizations as well as resources and events that may be of interest.

Connect with us and stay up to date! Sign up [here](#).  
Email: [jpierce@actonma.gov](mailto:jpierce@actonma.gov)

## HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWEST ACTON PUBLIC ART PIECES?



### **TITLE: FROM TRASH TO TREASURE**

**ARTIST: YIN PEET**

**LOCATION: PEDAL POWER BIKE & SKI, 176 GREAT ROAD, ACTON MA 01720, FACING THE BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL**

**FUN FACT: FASHIONED PARTIALLY FROM RECLAIMED MATERIALS FROM THE TRANSFER STATION AS AN ODE TO ACTON'S SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT. THE BIKE GEAR ON THE BENCH STILL HAS MOTION!**

### **TITLE: UNITY BENCH**

**ARTIST: SUNANDA SAHAY**

**LOCATION: EL HUILPIL, 273 GREAT ROAD, ACTON, MA 01720, FACING GREAT ROAD**

**FUN FACT: BEFORE BEING PLACED AT EL HUILPIL WAS ON TEMPORARY DISPLAY AT ACTON'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM AS PART OF THEIR DIWALI EXHIBITIONS**

ACTON PUBLIC ART IS AN INITIATIVE OF THE ACTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. THIS PROJECT WAS FUNDED THROUGH THE MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 495MW PARTNERSHIP.



## News from the Town Clerk's Office

**2024 will have multiple elections as well as the annual town meeting**, please confirm your voter status by going to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's page: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voter-resources/registering-to-vote.htm>

**Please be on the lookout for the Mail-In Ballot** postcard being sent to every registered voter in the Commonwealth. Please review the information on the card and if you would like to vote by mail, please sign and return it to our office.

**The Town of Acton Annual Street Listing/Census** has been mailed out, please don't forget to sign and return it to our office.

**Dog license renewals have been mailed out.** If you have a dog and did not receive a notice, please contact our office.



email: [clerk@actonma.gov](mailto:clerk@actonma.gov)  
978.929.6620

### Apply to be a Clean Energy Coach!

Acton's Clean Energy Coaching Program is seeking new volunteer Clean Energy Coaches! Coaches work with the Town and Abode Energy Management to learn the ins and outs of clean energy upgrades and pass along their knowledge to Acton residents and businesses. Reach out to the Sustainability Office with any questions at [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov) or 978-929-6515.



### Creating Healthier Communities Together Survey

We're excited to introduce the [Creating Healthier Communities Together survey](#). Please take a few minutes to give your input to guide our community's climate action efforts to collectively build a healthier future. We invite you to be part of this initiative to learn your thoughts!

### 2024 Sustainability Fellowship


The Town of Acton Sustainability Office and Planning Department are seeking a Fellow for the 2024 MassCEC Empower Grant funded Fellowship. For more information, please visit [actonma.gov/jobs](https://actonma.gov/jobs). Applications are due January 8th, please send resumes and cover letters to [jobs@actonma.gov](mailto:jobs@actonma.gov)!



### Sustainability Newsletter

For a full update on all-things sustainability, including info on the recently published greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, click [here](#) to read the December Sustainability Office update! Want to receive the monthly newsletter? Sign up [here](#).

**ARCHERY WITH ON THE MARK ARCHERY!**



**NOW OPEN**  
**January & February Sessions!**  
**ONLINE REGISTRATION**  
**ACTONREC.COM**

**SUPER SOCCER STARS**  
**FOR AGES 2-5**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
**Jan. 14-March 10**  
 (8 classes)  
**Fee: \$172**

Acton Rec. Center (indoors)  
 Ages 2-3: 9:35-10:20  
 Ages 3-4: 8:45-9:30  
 Ages 4-5: 10:25-11:25

Backed by 20 years of experience, Soccer Stars offers a unique, age-specific curriculum that is crafted to improve soccer skills, build self-confidence, and develop socialization skills. Soccer Stars offers the most popular children's soccer program for kids ages 1 & up.



**DODGEBALL** FOR AGES 8-12



WOLFPACK SPORTS

*Wednesdays, Jan 10 - Feb 14*  
*2:45-3:45 at the Acton Rec. Center*  
*Fee: \$124*

**ACTONREC.COM**

**WOLFPACK SPORTS**  
 Ages 8-12

**FLOORBALL**



Wednesdays, January 10  
 through February 14  
 1:30-2:45 PM  
 Fee: \$124  
 Acton Rec. Center

 **Register**  
**actonrec.com**

**CUB SOCCER BY WOLF PACK SPORTS**  
**FOR AGES 3-5**



**SESSION 2: WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:45-10:30 AM**  
**JANUARY 9 THROUGH FEBRUARY 13**  
**ACTON REC. CENTER (INDOORS)**  
**FEE: \$124**

**SESSION 3: WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:45-10:30 AM**  
**MARCH 6 THROUGH APRIL 10**  
**ACTON REC. CENTER (INDOORS)**  
**FEE: \$124**

**REGISTRATION OPEN! ACTONREC.COM**



Visit [actonrec.com](https://actonrec.com) for more classes that are coming soon! We also have lots of great information to share!

If you are looking for a program or are interested in offering a program through Acton Recreation please contact us at [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov)



**Registration in advance is required.** Each show has limited capacity.

Register at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com).

Each of these Marionette shows is supported in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Festivals and Project Grant supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

#### ANNOUNCING SUMMER OF 2024 CONCERTS AT NARA PARK

**Add these great events your new 2024 calendars!**

Tickets are now available - click [here](#) for tickets and details.

- Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.: Acton Pride Drag Show - ticketed event
- Saturday, June 15, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Acton Pride Festival - free event
- Thursday, July 4, 7 p.m.: Independence Day Celebration featuring [Best Friends Girl](#) - Nation's #1 Cars Tribute band and a spectacular fireworks show - free event
- Friday, July 12, 8 p.m.: [Tusk](#)-The World's #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac - ticketed event
- Friday, July 19, 8 p.m.: [Into the Floyd](#)-Interstellar Journey into the music of Pink Floyd with Laser Light Show - ticketed event
- Friday, July 26, 8 p.m.: [Who Are You](#) - Who Tribute featuring Carl Dixon, former member of the Guess Who - ticketed event
- Wed, July 31, 6 p.m.: Mister Vic - Kids Concert Night at NARA - free event
- Friday, Aug. 9, 8 p.m.: [Kashmir](#)-The Live Led Zeppelin Show - ticketed event
- Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m.: [Foreigners Journey](#) featuring American Idol's Rudy Cardenas - ticketed event
- Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.: [River of Dreams](#) - A Tribute to Billy Joel - ticketed event
- Friday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m.: Monsterbash - ticketed event

Do you receive our newsletter? If you would like to be added, just let us know at [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov) We don't share your email nor inundate your inbox!

## SLEDDING AT NARA PARK



*SLED AT YOUR OWN RISK - PLEASES SLED TOWARDS THE UPPER FIELDS.  
DO NOT SLED TOWARDS THE AMPHITHEATER STAGE OR THE AMPHITHEATER BACK HILL.  
ALL YOUTH SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.  
SLEDDING PERMITTED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.*

## ICE SKATING AT NARA OR ANY BODY OF WATER

We do not recommend ice skating on any frozen ponds or streams.

Skating on frozen or partially frozen ponds is dangerous.

Please go to a skating rink to ice skate.

### **NARA PARK SNOW REMOVAL**

NARA parking areas are plowed once the main roads have been safely cleared. The paved pathway around the park is cleared pending all priority sidewalks and roads in town have been completed and pending availability of staff.






## COUNCIL ON AGING AT THE SENIOR CENTER

for ages 60 & up

Located in  
**Human Services Building**  
**30 Sudbury Road Rear, Acton**  
**Phone: 978-929-6652**  
**Email: [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov)**

 **@actoncoa**

### OPENING HOURS

Monday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday / Sunday	CLOSED

**Holiday Closures:** Jan. 1 and Jan. 15

### NEWSLETTER AND NOTIFICATIONS

Did you know that you can subscribe to the monthly newsletter online? Family members are encouraged to see what we offer and may be of interest to their older family members. It just takes a moment to sign up, where you can also sign up for COA notifications on things such as program cancellations. <https://actoncoa.com/list.aspx> If you will be away for an extended period of time and receive our newsletter in the mail, please notify us to put your delivery on hold.

### SOCIAL SERVICES

For seniors and their family members seeking information on area social services, please contact Senior Services Coordinator [Beverly Hutchings](mailto:Beverly.Hutchings@actonma.gov) at 978-929-6652. She provides information on home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance, and a variety of other services.

### JANUARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

See our newsletter for details. Most programs are free for Acton seniors!

#### January is a great time to work toward getting our personal lives in order:

- **Appointments with Realtor®** Heather Murphy, Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 10-11 a.m.
- **Senior Property Tax Primer** with Assessor's Office staff, Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 2-3 p.m.
- **Technology help appointments** with librarian Rebecca Schmidt, Thurs, Jan. 11 from 10-11 a.m.
- **Appointments with Elder Law Attorney** Cathleen Summers, Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 1-3 p.m.
- **AARP TaxAide** appointments for free income tax preparation begin in Feb., but you can book an appointment now.

#### Lifelong Learning Opportunities:

- **Lecture on the first three women senators**, Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m.
- **Black Ships and Samurai/Japan and the West 1850-1950**, Thurs, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.
- **Music of the Civil Rights Movement**, Thursday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m.

### JANUARY ART CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

- **Drawing and watercolor** class with Fran Hewitt begins Tuesday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Acrylics Mixed Media** class with Gretchen Fogelstrom begins Wednesday, January 17 at 10 a.m.
- **Wool Needle Felting** class, create a framed image of flowers, with Magda Stilmant on Wednesday, January 17 at 1 p.m.
- **Drop-in Art Group** meets Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. and a Needle Arts Group that meets Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

### LITERATURE PROGRAMS THIS MONTH

- Book group is discussing Dava Shastri's Last Day by Kirthana Ramiseti, Tues, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.
- Learn about the work of this month's poet Emily Brontë via Zoom, Thurs, Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m.
- New session of Words Galore begins via Zoom Thursday, January 25 at 9 a.m.
- LitLovers Study Group is discussing Margaret Mitchell's Gone with the Wind, Tues, Jan. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

### JANUARY PROGRAMS WITH A FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- **Boost Your Brain Health by Eating Well** offered by Concord Park on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1 p.m.
- **Planning for and Dealing with End-of-Life Care** via Zoom from home or the Senior Center on Thursday, January 11 at 1 p.m.
- **Memory Lane Café** for people with memory impairment and their care partners on Tuesday, January 30 at noon
- A new session of **line dancing** begins Wednesday, January 31 at 2:30 p.m.
- Weekly visits from **therapy dog Bodacious** Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon

### OTHER OFFERINGS

Exercise classes for all fitness levels, Acton Songsters singing group, Hot Topics discussion group, a gym with senior-friendly equipment, Computer Club, a caregiver support group via Zoom, and games including Mah Jongg.

### MEALS

The Minuteman Senior Service (MMSS) dining site offers in-person lunches Monday through Thursday at noon for \$2 donation. Anyone celebrating a birthday receives a free lunch the second Thursday of the month! Grab and Go lunches are offered Monday through Friday. Sign up for lunch at least 24 hours in advance in-person or by phone 781-221-7098.

Our popular lunch café, Bistro 30, is open from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for people of all ages; new menu each week, \$6/item. The COA also partners with Open Table to provide free frozen meals to bring home.

### MAKE A RESERVATION WITH THE COA FOR SPECIAL CULINARY EVENTS:

- **New Year's Celebration**, Tuesday, January 2 at 5 p.m., Chinese food and sparkling cider, \$5
- **Benchmark at Robbins Brook lunch**, Tuesday, January 16 at noon, Ziti and salad, \$3
- **Monthly Breakfast**, Friday, January 19 at 9 a.m., \$3; followed at 9:45 a.m. by **Java with John**, a discussion with Town Manager John Mangiaratti
- **Dinner by Doug** from Boston Events, Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m., rosemary roasted chicken, \$5
- **Rivercourt Residences Lunch and Learn**, Tuesday, January 30 at noon, enjoy meat or veggie lasagna and learn about dehydration, \$3 donation

Photos of December Events at the Council on Aging



Seniors decked out at the Annual Holiday Tea at the Senior Center.



The annual New Year's luncheon at the Senior Center is always a fun



Asako Judson recently led a sushi making class at the Senior Center.

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### **UPCOMING CLOSURES**

Sunday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Winter Concert Series: Peryle

**Sunday**  
01/20/2024  
2pm-3pm

Acton Memorial Library  
2nd Floor Piano  
FREE ADMISSION  
Funded by the AML Foundation



### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

- **English at Large Beginner English Class**  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- **Breathe for Change**  
Fridays, January 5 and January 19, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Heist: Has Anybody Seen 500 Million in Art Lying Around?**  
Wednesday, January 10, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Drop-In Technology Help at the Senior Center**  
Thursday, January 11, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- **Sol Hartman Artist Reception**  
Sunday, January 14, 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Virtual Asian Art Series: Timeless Traditions – Expressions of the Divine in India Art**  
Sunday, January 14, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Yarn & Needle Club**  
Tuesdays, January 16 and January 30, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Acton Memorial Library Book Discussion Group**  
Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Virtual Culturally Curious Art Talk: Fierce Females – Women in Art**  
Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Winter Concert Series: Peryle**  
Saturday, January 20, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Countdown to April 19, 1775: "A Revolution in the News" with Historian Joseph Adelman,**  
Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### **TEEN PROGRAMS**

- **Bollywood Dance Class for Teens,** Saturday, January 6, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Teen Advisory Board,** Wednesday, January 24, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- **Baby Toddler Storytime,**  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Singalong Storytime**  
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime**  
Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Storytime at West Acton Citizens' Library**  
Thursdays, 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- **Children's Crafting for First Grade and Up**  
Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Pre-K to 1st Grade Crafting**  
Fridays, 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Chess Club**  
Saturdays, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **Read to a Dog: Zora**  
Tuesdays, January 2 and January 16, 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Book Club for 2nd and 3rd Grade with Ms. Elise**  
Tuesday, January 2, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **Early Release: Lego Challenge**  
Wednesday, January 3, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Book Club for 4th and 5th Grade with Ms. Elise**  
Tuesday, January 9, 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
- **Early Release: Lego Robotics, Grades 2 and 3 Only**  
Wednesday, January 10, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Storytime at the Discovery Museum**  
Friday, January 12, 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Sensory Storytime**  
Fridays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Hero Kids Role-Playing Game**  
Saturday, January 13, 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- **Early Release: Lego Robotics, Grades 4 and 5 Only**  
Wednesday, January 17, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Early Release: 3D Design, Solidworks for Kids**  
Wednesday, January 24, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **D&D for 5th and 6th Graders**  
Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASS

FOR TEENS

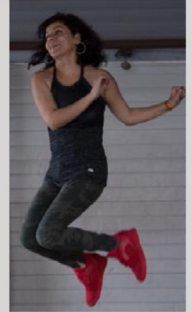
*Taught by Shikha V!*

Saturday January 6th 2024

11am -12pm

Library Meeting Room

Limited spots,  
please register!  
[tinyurl.com/zeupvk8h](https://tinyurl.com/zeupvk8h)



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## Has Anybody Seen \$500 Million in Art Lying Around?

January 10th, 2024

6pm - 7:30pm

AML Meeting Room

Review the details of the Isabella Stewart Gardner  
Museum Heist with Bob Ainsworth, the author of  
DUPED, a fictional account of the robbery!



Acton  
Memorial  
Library



# VISIT AB EXCHANGE



AB Exchange is a space where Acton and Boxborough residents can access essential items they need to thrive. Gently used backpacks, winter coats, snow boots, interview clothes, and more are available thanks to the generosity of our neighbors. Stop by during AB Resource Center's opening hours to "shop" for what you need. **All items are free** to families who need them.

**Located at Acton-Boxborough Resource Center • 15 Charter Road, Acton**  
Open Monday - Thursday 10AM-3PM, or by appointment (email [abrc@abuw.org](mailto:abrc@abuw.org))

## HEALTH DIVISION

## 2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DATES



**SATURDAY, JUNE 1: 9-11:30 a.m.**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 24: 4-6:30 p.m.**

- OIL PAINTS, STAINS, THINNERS & STRIPPERS**
- SOLVENTS, VARNISHES
- ADHESIVES, GLUES, RESINS
- WASTE FUELS, CONTAMINATED WASTE OIL
- ENGINE DEGREASER, BRAKE FLUID
- TRANSMISSION FLUID, ANTIFREEZE
- INSECTICIDES, WEED KILLERS, PESTICIDES
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- HOBBY SUPPLIES, ARTIST SUPPLIES
- PHOTO CHEMICALS, CHEMISTRY SETS
- CLEANERS, SPOT REMOVERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- AEROSOL CANS

### WHAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO ACTON FACILITIES

#### NOT TO HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Town Hall hours: M,W,Th 8-5 p.m., Tu 8-7:30 p.m., Fri. 8-Noon

- Fluorescent light bulbs (Transfer Station)
- Television's and CRT's (Transfer Station) -There is a \$25 fee per unit
- Uncontaminated waste oil (Transfer Station)
- Lithium ion, Nickel-Cadmium, Lead acid batteries (Transfer Station or Town Hall)
- Car batteries (Transfer Station)
- Hearing Aid (Button Cell) batteries (Town Hall)
- Sharps, Hypodermic Needles (PSF, Acton Nursing or Transfer Station)
- Fire extinguishers (Transfer Station)

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alkaline Batteries (dispose of in regular trash)
- Latex Paint (open, add hardener to expedite drying, throw away)
- Smoke Detectors (dispose of in trash)
- Asbestos (call a Licensed Asbestos Contractor)
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Infectious & biological waste
- Radioactive waste
- Oil filters (punch hole in dome, drain for 24 hours, save oil for recycling, put in trash after draining)

THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN PRESENTS

# ACTON POLAR PLUNGE

**Sat, February 3, 2024**  
**NARA Pond and Beach**

25 Ledge Rock Way, Acton

**Check-in 11:00AM | Plunge 12:00PM**

**Support the Plunge - Come Out for the Fun!**

**Campfire on the Beach from 11-12:30 p.m.**

**SIGN UP NOW! LINK IS LIVE!**

**[WWW.POLARPLUNGEMA.ORG](http://WWW.POLARPLUNGEMA.ORG)**



# DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

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Cemetery Division	978-929-6642	<a href="mailto:cemetery@actonma.gov">cemetery@actonma.gov</a>
West Acton Citizens' Library	978-929-6654	<a href="mailto:wacl@actonma.gov">wacl@actonma.gov</a>
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